

**SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784  
**REGULAR MEETING - MAY 4, 2022**  
**LMC & ZOOM**  
**7:00 PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Berlandi at 7:01 PM on May 4, 2022 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

**1. PRESENT**

For the Board: Mr. Berlandi, Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin  
Administration: Dr. Melendez, Mr. Kalkreuth, Mrs. DiBartolo, and Mr. Dudics  
Staff: 8  
Residents: 18 (10 in person, 8 via Zoom)

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CELEBRATIONS (00:01:50)**

**2.1. Recognition of CABA Leadership Award**

Dr. Melendez congratulated students Joseph Dickey and Fiona Ruffler on earning the 2022 CABA Leadership Award.

**2.2. Recognition of CAPSS Student(s) of the Year Award**

Dr. Melendez congratulated students Benjamin Greenwald and Fiona Ruffler on earning the 2022 Student of the Year Awards.

Mr. Berlandi made a motion to move agenda items 9.1, 9.2, and 8.1 to the next items on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vogt, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**9.1 Discussion and possible action to appoint interim part-time superintendent effective July 1, 2022. (00:07:25)**

Mr. Berlandi moved to appoint Dr. Pat Cosentino as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2022, and continuing through June 30, 2023, subject to the confirmation by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**9.2 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Board Chair to finalize and execute a contract of employment with the interim part-time superintendent effective July 1, 2022. (00:08:20)**

Mr. Berlandi made a motion that the Board Chairperson be authorized to finalize and execute a contract of employment for Dr. Cosentino's service as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**8.1 Presentation from HYA regarding consulting project (00:13:42)**

Mr. Prem Aithal of HYA gave a presentation regarding the content and proposed timeline for the upcoming consulting work.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (01:06:09)**

4. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** ([01:06:33](#))

5. **CONSENT AGENDA** ([01:06:40](#))

5.1. **Review of Minutes:**

April 5, 2022 - Special Meeting, April 7, 2022 - Regular Meeting, April 18, 2022 - Ad Hoc Special Committee Meeting, April 25, 2022 - Ad Hoc Special Committee Meeting, April 26, 2022 - Ad Hoc Special Committee Meeting, April 29, 2022 - Special Meeting Executive Session.

5.2. **Personnel Actions**

5.3. **Monthly Enrollment Report**

5.4. **Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. **APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS** ([01:07:36](#))

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve current bills. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

7. **ORAL REPORTS**

7.1. **SPTO Update**

7.2. **Sub-Committees** ([01:08:11](#))

7.2.1. **Budget and Maintenance**

Mr. Laughlin provided a brief update on the work of the committee to date.

7.2.2. **Policy and Curriculum**

No update at this time.

7.2.3. **Personnel and Negotiations**

Update to be provided during the Executive Session later in the Agenda.

7.2.4. **Special Education and Transportation**

No update at this time.

7.2.5. **Ad Hoc Special Committee re Interim Superintendent Search**

Mr. Berlandi reported that the committee's work is complete.

7.3. **Chair Report**

7.4. **Superintendent Update**

7.4.1. **Budget Update** ([01:09:44](#))

Mrs. Coonan provided a brief budget update and presented a one-page budget summary.

7.4.2. **Stoplight Report** ([01:13:22](#))

Mr. Kalkreuth provided a brief update on stoplight report item #12.1.

Mrs. DiBartolo provided a brief update on stoplight report item #13.2.

Mr. Dudics provided a brief update on stoplight report item #12.5.

8. **PRESENTATIONS**

8.1. **Presentation from HYA regarding consulting project** (moved to top of Agenda)

8.2. **Sherman School Family Survey Responses** ([01:21:05](#))

Dr. Melendez presented slides showing results of The Sherman School Family Survey.

8.3. **Student Relationships and Restorative Practices (Cont. from 3/2022)** ([01:46:18](#))

The Administration continued its presentation regarding Restorative Practices, and a discussion was had.

9. **NEW BUSINESS** (moved to top of Agenda)

- 9.1. Discussion and possible action to appoint interim part-time superintendent effective July 1, 2022.
- 9.2. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Board Chair to finalize and execute a contract of employment with the interim part-time superintendent effective July 1, 2022.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** ([02:35:22](#))

**11. COMMUNICATIONS** ([02:35:28](#))

Mr. Berlandi read a letter from the SVA thanking students for all of the Valentines donated during "Valentines for Vets" this year.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS** ([02:35:59](#))

**13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Vogt made a comment. ([02:36:24](#))

Mrs. Diotte made a comment. ([02:36:47](#))

Mr. Laughlin made a comment. ([02:41:28](#))

Mr. Philipakos made a comment. ([02:41:45](#))

**14. FUTURE MEETING AND TOPICS**

- 14.1. Regular Meeting, June 1, 2022

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION** ([02:44:11](#))

- 15.1. Discussion regarding the tentative agreement with Local 1303-309 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (non-certified union)

Mr. Berlandi called for the Board to recess into Executive Session at 9:45 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:56 PM.

**16. NEW BUSINESS** ([02:45:57](#))

- 16.1. Discussion and possible action to approve the tentative agreement with Local 1303-309 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (non-certified union)

Mr. Berlandi made a motion to approve the tentative agreement with Local 1303-309 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (non-certified union). Mr. Laughlin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vogt  
Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer